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*Improving the lives of children and adults with special needs since 1946*

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### **CULVER CITY RECOGNIZES ECF's DR. SCOTT BOWLING FOR EXCEPTIONAL LEADERSHIP**

Culver City, CA (October 26, 2017) – The City of Culver City recognized Dr. Scott Bowling, President and CEO of the Exceptional Children's Foundation (ECF), for his leadership in creating an inclusive community for individuals of all abilities. Dr. Bowling was nominated for this honor by the Culver City Chamber of Commerce. Members of the Culver City Disability Advisory Committee, Mayor Jeff Cooper and City Council Members presented Dr. Bowling with a certificate of recognition in celebration of October as local Disability Awareness Month.

Mayor Cooper told those present at the City Council Meeting on Monday, October 9, that Dr. Bowling has led ECF for 19 years of tremendous growth to become a regional service provider with 375 employees and 15 sites serving the local disability community across Los Angeles County. Mayor Cooper also mentioned that in addition to ECF being headquartered in Culver City for over 20 years, in 2008 ECF successfully merged with the Kayne Eras Center, also located in Culver City. Today, allowing ECF to become the only organization of its kind in California to offer a continuum of lifespan services for children and adults with special needs.

Dr. Bowling has been leading ECF for almost 20 years, and this recognition by the City's Office of Disability Services and the Culver City Disability Advisory Committee comes 15 years after ECF was recognized for the organization's collective efforts to improve the lives of individuals with special needs. The City's Office of Disability Services identifies the needs of persons with disabilities and creates public awareness of these needs in areas such as employment, housing, transportation, media, physical and communication accessibility and other needed areas. The Culver City Disability Advisory Committee reviews community policies, programs and actions which affect persons with disabilities and make appropriate recommendations to the City Council, and City boards, commissions and departments on matters affecting persons with disabilities.

"Culver City is an exceptionally inclusive community that integrates individuals with special needs throughout its schools, workplaces and neighborhoods. The Exceptional Children's Foundation is proud to call Culver City our home base," says Dr. Bowling.

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#### **About the Exceptional Children's Foundation - ECF.net**

Founded in 1946, Exceptional Children's Foundation (ECF) provides the highest quality services for children and adults who are challenged with developmental, learning, and emotional disabilities – empowering them to reach their greatest potential. Each year, ECF serves more than 3,800 clients and their families at 15 program sites, in clients' homes, and in community settings throughout Los Angeles County. ECF is the only organization of its kind in California to provide a lifespan of services for children and adults with developmental disabilities.